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ABSTRACT

Intended for primary teachers, this resource guide provides explanations of the theory underlying successful writing workshops, plus practical help for putting the ideas to work. With the guide, teachers can see how to implement writing workshop; how to recognize and teach target skills such as organization and revision; and how to enhance writing by incorporating children's literature. The guide can help teachers learn from the voices and perspectives of authors who speak with authority as they share their experiences with writing conferences, assessment, and small group instruction. Following the Introduction, chapters in the guide are: (1) Raising Young Writers; (2) Introducing Writing Workshop; (3) Target Skills; (4) Moving beyond Competence to Excellence; (5) Adaptations and Support Structures; (6) Using Nonfiction to Link Reading and Writing; (7) Opportunities for Response; (8) Assessment and Small-Group Instruction; and Conclusion. Includes 11 Appendixes, among them: Topics Page for Writing Folder; Spelling Pages for Writing Folder; Finished Pieces Page for Writing Folder; Target Skills Display; Consult an Expert Suggested Titles; Record-Keeping Notes; and Target Skills for Sharing. Lists 33 children's books cited. (Contains 33 references.) (NKA)

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